

SCAG CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

ENERGY, COMMERCE AND RESOURCES

TECHNICAL WORK GROUP

DRAFT Summary of ECR TWG Teleconference #1

September 30th, 2010

Attendance List

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Background documents:

(All documents are posted on the SCAG Energy Commerce and Resources (ECR) TWG website: http://cedp.scag.ca.gov/Energy_Commerce_Resources.cfm)

- Meeting #1 Notice and Agenda
 - ECR Teleconference Meeting #1 Slide Presentation
 - Draft Inventory & Forecast
 - Catalogs of Energy, Commerce and Resources Options (Residential, Commercial, and Industrial; Energy Supply; Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management; and Cross Cutting Issues)
 - Brief Descriptions of Options listed in Catalogs
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1. Welcome and Roll Call

Tom Peterson, President and CEO of CCS called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the ECR TWG. Paul Aldretti of CCS completed the roll call (a complete list of the attendees can be found at the end of this document).

2. Purpose and Goals of PSC and ECR TWG Meeting #1

Tom Peterson discussed the overall purpose and goals of the call. Jacob Lieb from SCAG noted

the role of this group in reaching consensus on recommendations to advise SCAG in meeting the requirements for AB 32 and SB 375.

Q: Is CEDP still looking to add expertise to this group? A member recommended someone from Waste Management.

A. Grieg Asher of SCAG said that everyone who has been suggested has been contacted. Not everyone had time to commit to the process. He was not certain about the Waste Management representative, but will follow up.

Q. Is this TWG the “catch all” for non-transportation issues? People should focus on topics of their particular expertise.

A. Tom Peterson said this would be done via sub-groups, but that there are benefits of working together

3. Update on Regional Goal Setting by SCAG

Jacob Lieb provided an overview of the project from SCAG’s perspective and discussed the status of the regional goals setting process.

Q. Is the 2020 target of 8% for all sectors?

A. No, that is for SB 375 and targets the light duty vehicle fleet.

Q. Does this TWG have different target rates to meet?

A. We do not have specific targets for the sectors in the group, but we do have the Scoping Plan that gives us a reference. We want to be proportionally in line by sector/or achieving a reasonable share for Southern California relative to the whole state. (The Scoping Plan is on the web at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm>).

4. Background & Review – PSC & TWG process and resources (role of the ECR TWG)

Tom Peterson provided a brief overview of the CEDP process including the role of the ECR TWG.

Q. While the membership of the TWG consists of impressive and qualified people, they are busy and inevitably some people will miss some meetings. How will we deal with this issue?

A. Tom Peterson expressed his hope that meetings would be scheduled with sufficient time that they can get on everyone’s calendars and that holding them via teleconference should help. But for missed meetings, the documents and meeting summaries will be posted on the website so people can catch up. Members also can contact Paul Aldretti to review the key issues and/or results from meetings.

Q. If people have comments (or after having missed a meeting), what should they do?

A. Everyone will have a chance to comment on the Draft Summary of the previous meeting at the opening of each meeting to make sure the record of the process is correct. There also will be “homework” assignments where members will give ideas or feedback directly via e-mail to Paul Aldretti.

5. Review and Discussion of the ECR Catalog of Potential Actions

Tom Peterson noted that the ECR TWG encompasses several sectors including Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Management (this includes sources and sinks); Energy Supply; Residential, Commercial and Industrial (heating/cooling and fuel use); and Cross Cutting Issues (such as reporting and registries, government “lead by example” programs, consumer education, etc.). These are reflected in the catalogs and brief description documents on the website. The initial goal is to expand the list of policy options through TWG member feedback and then reduce the list of options for analysis.

Jacob Lieb discussed the new sources of information from the Southern California Region. SCAG cast a wide net looking at the work of their local government partners for potential GHG reduction measures.

Q. How will issues related to water and water conservation be incorporated? This has GHG implications because of the huge energy use in moving water.

A. Tom Peterson said that this issue often comes under the Residential, Commercial and Industrial sector addressing water use in buildings and for manufacturing, but also importantly in Agriculture (for irrigation) and Waste Management (especially waste water treatment).

Q. How are issues such as urban parks and the associated GHG reductions (the benefits include VMT reduction of people not having to drive long distance to green spaces, etc.) included?

A. Tom Peterson responded that this is the type of ideas that members of the TWG should raise. Jacob Lieb noted that member of the ECR TWG may refer some issues to other groups (ex. the urban parks issue may be a land use issue for the Transportation and Land Use TWG).

Q. How can member submit other studies, and additional sources of information?

A. All information and feedback should be sent to Paul Aldretti (paldretti@climatestrategies.us) who will also send follow-up information to TWG members by e-mail with instructions for feedback.

6. Review and Discussion of the Inventory and Forecast Report

Randy Strait, Vice President and COO of CCS, and Maureen Mullen of CCS provided a summary of the draft Inventory and Forecast with comments received at the first PSC meeting.

Q. When is the right point to drill into more specifics on what the forestry and land use information captures?

A. Tom Peterson asked that members look through the draft I&F and submit comments. Randy Strait noted that the PSC is to approve the final I&F at its fourth meeting in February. The TWG should submit comments prior to the third PSC meeting on December 15.

Q. A clarifying question was raised about electricity sales/consumption versus production emissions.

A. Randy Strait confirmed that we are looking at both.

Q. A member noted the electricity sector was the subject of robust discussion at the PSC and members were asked to provide data. She thinks that SCAPA and Edison can provide this data if CCS can tell them what they need and in what format.

A. Randy Strait said he would provide a description of the data needed.

Q. A member said the forecasting data from DWP would be available.

Q. A member offered to get expertise from knowledgeable colleagues on waste issues.

7. Next Steps for the TWG

Tom Peterson stated that the next meeting will consist of a review of the catalog including suggested additions and a discussion of suggested revisions to the I&F. The deadline for submission of additional policy options and comments on the I&F is Friday, October 8th. Comments should be submitted to Paul Aldretti at paldretti@climatestrategies.us

8. Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meetings

The next SCAG ECR TWG call is scheduled for **Thursday, October 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon PT.** Several members noted conflicts for that week. [The meeting was subsequently rescheduled for Tuesday, October 19, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. PT.] The meeting will focus on a review of the Catalog of Potential Actions with suggested additions.

9. Public Comments

There were no comments.

10. Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

11. Adjourn

Jacob Lieb thanked everyone for his/her participation. Tom Peterson thanked everyone and the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

Laura Berland-Shane	Sustainable Business Council
Christine Cooper	L.A. County Economic Development Corp.
Wendy James	Better World Group
Beth Jines	City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office
Mary Leslie	L.A. Business Council
Paul Mason	Pacific Forest Trust
Jonathan Parfrey	Green L.A. Institute
Ursula Schmidt	City of Pasadena

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